



Wildomar Young Marines

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Wildomar Young Marines to ask for your help in supporting our youth organization.

The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership, and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. It also teaches the value of truthfulness, fairness, respect, and courage, as well as attention to duty and love of God and Country. The Young Marines is the official youth program of the U.S. Marine Corps and the focal point for the Marine Corps' Youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts. The Wildomar Young Marines is a challenging, exciting and motivating program that requires commitment to excel.

Our unit currently has 30 young men and women from cities throughout Riverside and Orange Counties including (but not limited to) Wildomar, Perris, Lake Elsinore and Hemet, Corona and Rancho Santa Margarita. We are expecting roughly another 25 to 30 recruits in September which will only broaden the depth and scope of our organization, but we cannot do it without your help.

The Wildomar Young Marines recognize that you or your organization is committed to strengthening the community and the youth within it. This is why we are now asking for your help.

In addition to direct cash donations, we are currently trying to collect items which can be raffled off as part of a future fundraising event. Proceeds from this event will be added to the Wildomar Young Marines General Funds, which will be used to purchase new equipment and ultimately allow our Young Marines to participate in various encampments, and training opportunities.

Our goal for this year is to raise \$30,000. If we are successful this will allow us to take to the unit on at least one week long deployment to destinations such as Washington DC or Pearl Harbor during Veterans week in November. As well as ensure that the unit has enough operating funds to purchase additional equipment and participate in various summer activities.

Acceptable contributions include gift certificates, merchandise and of course monetary donations. At this time we are currently planning on holding this raffle May 16, 2009. The raffle will be held at the Wildomar VFW, located at 21180 Waite St Wildomar, CA 92595-8467. Expected attendance for this event is between 100 -200, however, raffle tickets will be sold prior to the event as well.

